MINUTES OF THE September 10th 2024 VILLAGE OF COUTTS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUTTS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6:30 PM

Present: Mayor MacCumber, Councillors, Pain, Smith, Payne, Willett and CAO Rolfe. Also, Devan Noble with Noble Heavy Duty.

Meeting: Called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor MacCumber.

Agenda: Councillor Payne moved to accept the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Devan Noble: Devan came to explain the repairs that are necessary on the plow truck. After discussion, it was decided to replace the engine with a used engine. Councillor Willett moved to have Noble Heavy Duty purchase and install a used engine. Carried Unanimously. Devan left at 6:52pm.

Minutes: Councillor Pain moved to accept the August 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented. Carried Unanimously.

Old Business:

CAO Report: CAO Report is attached. Mayor MacCumber moved to accept the CAO report as presented. Carried unanimously.

Tax Sale Land Titles has not approved the transfer as of yet. CAO Rolfe will try to contact them to see what the issue is.

Website: The website has transitioned to the new one. Lori and Kelly will keep the website updated.

Water: Water restrictions remain at Level III. Contingency plans as well as short and long terms plans are being drafted by the Town of Milk River and MPE Engineering.

Healthcare Housing: The Healthcare Housing Committee has organized a trade show with home builders, mortgage specialists, and admin representatives from the surrounding communities. The show will be held in Milk River. The show is to gain interest for healthcare workers to build a home as there is lack of housing in the area.

Office Window Renovation: The Village Office is in need of a service window between the office and Civic Centre. Mayor MacCumber moved that Darren Kabatoff complete the renovation. Carried unanimously. CAO Rolfe has also asked 2 other contractors for bids if Darren does not have time.

MR Cable Letter of Support: Milk River Cable is submitting a grant that will allow for an internet hot spot in Coutts. The building decided on is the Recreation Hall. They are requesting a letter of support from the Village. Councillor Payne moved to send a letter of support for the project. Carried unanimously.

Financial Statement: The August 2024 Financial Statement was presented and discussed. Mayor MacCumber moved to approve the August 2024 Financial Statement as presented. Carried unanimously.

Accounts Payable: The accounts payable was distributed and discussed.
Councillor Payne moved to pay the accounts payable. Carried unanimously.

New Business

Fortis And Atco Franchise Fees - 2025. Councillor Smith moved to keep the franchise fees for Fortis (3%) and Atco (20%) the same as they currently are for the 2025 year. Carried unanimously.

CPU at Water dist. Plant: The CPU has been changed at the water distribution plant in town. It was not operating correctly after a power fluctuation.

Bylaw 596 Appendix A: Appendix A for Bylaw 596, the utility bylaw was presented indicating the new water rates. Bylaw 596 amends Bylaw 487. Mayor MacCumber moved for 1st reading of Bylaw 596. Carried unanimously. Councillor Willett moved for 2nd reading of Bylaw 596. Carried unanimously. Councillor Smith moved for permission to read the 3rd reading of Bylaw 596. Carried unanimously. Councillor Smith moved for 3rd reading of Bylaw 596. Carried unanimously.

CCBF Agreement: The new agreement for the Canada Community Building Fund was received. Councillor Payne moved that the new agreement for the CCBF be signed. Carried unanimously.

Public Works: Councillor Pain moved to increase Nellie's wage by $1/hr and also a $500 bonus. Carried unanimously. She has done a great job working alone while Paul has been, and continues to be, off on WCB.

Border Road: There is a meeting in Sunburst regarding the closing of the border road. CAO Rolfe will find out if we can send a representative from the Fire Department.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Willett: Attended the SouthGrow meeting.

Councillor Payne: Attended the FCSS meeting.

Councillor Pain: Attended the Handibus meeting
Attended a meeting with the Prairie Rose Lodge reps

Councillor Smith: Attended the ORRSC Meeting

Mayor MacCumber: Attended the healthcare meeting
Attended the Mayors and Reeves meeting

Correspondence: Letter was received granting the request for funds to be used for Turn Out Gear for the Fire Dept.

Closed Session: Not Requested at this time

Adjourn: Councillor Willett moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

MAYOR

CAO

CAO Report – Sept 10^{th}, 2024

1. Public Works: Paul is still off and doing physio.

2. Taxes were due Aug 31, good turn out this year.

3. Sat in on the Wednesday water meetings virtually

4. Attended the Handibus Meeting –

5. Map #2 meeting was August 20^{th}. Final report will be done sometime this month. There are a few things that need updates on, and I will be working to get that accomplished.

6. The CPU at the water plant did not work property again on Sunday the 1^{st} when the power flashed. We were without water for under an hour this time. The new CPU was installed on Sept 5. Hopefully the problem of the plant not communicating with the generator will be fixed now.

7. The IJC meeting will be starting up again on Sept 27, I plan on sitting in on these again.

AUGUST 2024 FINANCIAL

	GENERAL	GRANT FUND AMIP	REC GIC	RECREATION	TOTALS
BOOK ENTRIES:					
Net Balance from the Previous Month:	$720,162.38	$ 18,597.71	$ -	$ 28,205.99	$ 766,966.08
Receipts for the Month	$ 215,349.94				$ 215,349.94
Bank Account Interest Earned	$ 2,742.86	$ 75.82		$ 0.77	$ 2,819.45
GIC Matured + interest CRAS Interest					$ -
Loans Received:					$ -
SUB-TOTALS:	**$ 938,255.18**	**$ 18,673.53**	**$ -**	**$ 28,206.76**	**$ 985,135.47**
LESS:					
Disbursements for the Month:	$59,843.59				$ 59,843.59
NEW GIC's	$46,449.69				$ 46,499.69
ASFF School Taxes					$ -
Transfer to AMIP chequing					$ -
Revolving Loan Interest / Bank Fees/NSF	$ 29.64				$ 29.64
Loans Paid:					$ -
Sub-Totals	**$ 106,322.92**	**$ -**	**$ -**		**$ 106,322.92**
NET BALANCE at end of Month:	**$ 831,932.26**	**$ 18,673.53**	**$0.00**	**$ 28,206.76**	**$ 878,812.55**
BANK STATEMENT:					
Balance at end of Month - Bank:	$ 791,185.20	$ 18,673.53		$ 28,206.76	$ 838,065.49
Balance at end of Month - Investments:					$ -
CASH ON HAND at End of Month:	$ 49,025.25				$ 49,025.25
SUB-TOTALS:	**$ 840,210.45**	**$ 18,673.53**	**0.00**	**$ 28,206.76**	**$ 887,090.74**
LESS:					
Outstanding Cheques:	$ 8,278.19				**$ 8,278.19**
NET BALANCE at end of Month:	**831,932.26**	**$ 18,673.53**	**0.00**	**$ 28,206.76**	**$ 878,812.55**

OUTSTANDING CHEQUE LIST:

Number	Amount
2024307	$1,513.26
2024308	$224.00
2024314	$208.64
2024318	$149.50
2024320	$349.50
2024323	$881.66
2024325	$48.80
2024327	$4,878.43
2024329	$24.40
Total	$8,278.19
CRAS GIC	$46,449.69

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH:

Taxes	$135,636.69
utilities	$7,349.80
Office	$180.00
Franchises	$2,050.84
WCB Payment	$2,880.64
bell/telus lease	$5,216.74
GST rebate	$7,415.22
LGFF Operating	$54,620.00
Penny Rounding	$0.01
Total	$215,349.94

Catholic Cemetery	$2,067.19
Cemetery Project	$94.23available

THIS STATEMENT SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL ON THIS 10th DAY OF September 2024

Scott MacColl MAYOR

Lori Roll C.A.O.

ATTACHMENT FOR SEPT 10/24 MEETING

APPROVE FOR PAYMENT

AMSC	1,860.70	benefits
ATB MASTERCARD	19,309.13	fire equip-15,732.12, round tables cc-2960.12, postage, emr renewal
DESIGN SIGNS	78.50	lot signs
MAYORS & REEVES OF SW AB	200.00	membership
MILK RIVER HOME HARDWARE	98.15	paint & rollers
RIDGE WATER	722.40	June 30-July 27 operator
SAAL PAVING	5,339.25	pavement patches
STILSON, JESSIE	1,000.00	Village website
TELUS CELL PHONES	159.50	cell phones
TELUS FIRE SIREN	30.26	fire siren
THE GOVT OF AB LAND TITLES	30.00	land titles
TOWN OF MILK RIVER	1,475.00	August garbage
VILLAGE/AG SOCIETY	120.00	Sept-Oct water bill
WESTECH SANITATION	210.00	portable toilet rentals
ZONE 3	42.68	copier maintenance
TOTAL	30,675.57	

Village of Coutts

Cheque Listing For Council

2025-Jul-2
2:06:26PM

Cheque #	Cheque Date	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	Cheque Amount
2024312	2024-08-28	ROLFE, LORI A				
2024313	2024-08-28	MACCUMBER, KELLY J				
2024314	2024-08-28	THIESSEN, KELLY				
2024315	2024-08-28	JOHNSON, TRACY				
2024316	2024-08-28	MACCUMBER, SCOTT				199.03
2024317	2024-08-28	PAYNE, MEGAN				199.50
2024318	2024-08-28	WILLETT, JIMMY				149.50
2024319	2024-08-28	SMITH, TANYA				199.50
2024320	2024-08-28	PAIN, STEPHEN				349.50
2024321	2024-08-28	BYRTUS, JENELLE				
2024322	2024-08-28	GOLDSMITH, PAUL				
2024323	2024-08-28	ATB FINANCIAL	RRSP AUG 24	AUG 2024 RRSP	881.66	881.66
2024324	2024-08-28	BYRTUS, JENELLE	aug 24 mileage	MILK RIVER X 7	170.80	170.80
2024325	2024-08-28	PAIN, STEPHEN	AUG 24 TRAVEI	2XMILK RIVER	48.80	48.80
2024326	2024-08-28	PAYNE, FLORENCE MEGAN	AUG 24 MILEA(	MILK RIVER	24.40	24.40
2024327	2024-08-28	RECEIVER GENERAL FOR CANADA, CANADA RE	aug 2024	AUG 2024	4,878.43	4,878.43
2024328	2024-08-28	SMITH, TANYA RENEE	AUG 24 MILEA(	MILK RIVER	24.40	24.40
2024329	2024-08-28	WILLETT, JIMMY	AUG 24 MILEA(	MILK RIVER	24.40	24.40

Total 16,074.70

*** End of Report ***